



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
(MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
1000 NAVY PENTAGON
WASHINGTON DC 20350-1000

The Honorable Todd Akin
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6035

Dear Representative Akin:

Thank you for your letter of May 6, 2011, regarding a memorandum signed by the Navy Chief of Chaplains on April 13, 2011. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy. I appreciate you bringing this matter to the Navy's attention.

The memorandum to which you refer has been suspended pending additional legal and policy review and inter-Departmental coordination.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to address this important issue. As always, if I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Cali

Copy to:
Navy Office of Legislative Affairs
Distribution

Distribution

Aderholt, Robert	AL-04	Miller, Jeff	FL-01
Akin, W. Todd	MO-02	Myrick, Sue	NC-09
Bartlett, Roscoe	MD-06	Neugebauer, Randy	TX-19
Bishop, Rob	UT-01	Nugent, Richard	FL-05
Black, Diane	TN-06	Nunnelee, Alan	MS-01
Boustany, Charles W. Jr.	LA-07	Palazzo, Stephen	MS-04
Burton, Dan	IN-05	Pompeo, Mike	KS-04
Canseco, Francisco	TX-23	Rigell, Scott	VA-02
Carter, John	TX-31	Roe, Phil	TN-01
Chaffetz, Jason	UT-03	Rogers, Mike	AL-03
Coffinan, Mike	CO-06	Rooney, Tom	FL-16
Conaway, Michael	TX-11	Scott, Austin	GA-08
Crawford, Eric	AR-01	Shuster, Bill	PA-09
Davis, Geoff	KY-04	Smith, Chris	NJ-04
Duncan, Jeff	SC-03	Southerland, Steve	FL-02
Duncan, John J. Jr.	TN-02	West, Allen	FL-22
Fincher, Stephen	TN-08	Westmoreland, Lynn A.	GA-03
Fleming, John	LA-04	Wilson, Joe	SC-02
Flores, Bill	TX-17	Wittman, Robert	VA-01
Forbes, Randy	VA-04	Womack, Steve	AR-03
Foxx, Virginia	NC-05		
Franks, Trent	AZ-02		
Garrett, Scott	NJ-05		
Gingrey, Phil	GA-11		
Gohmert, Louie	TX-01		
Griffin, Tim	AR-02		
Harper, Gregg	MS-03		
Hartzler, Vicky	MO-04		
Herger, Wally	CA-02		
Huelskamp, Tim	KS-01		
Hunter, Duncan	CA-52		
Johnson, Bill	OH-06		
Jones, Walter	NC-03		
Jordan, Jim	OH-04		
King, Steve	IA-05		
Kline, John	MN-02		
Lamborn, Doug	CO-05		
Landry, Jeff	LA-03		
Lankford, James	OK-05		
LaTourette, Steven	OH-14		
Latta, Bob	OH-05		
McClintock, Tom	CA-04		
McMorris Rodgers, Cathy	WA-05		